

PROBABLY THE BEST SUPERHERO COMIC BOOK IN THE UNIVERSE!



41

\$2.99
\$3.55 CAN

INVINCIBLE



KIRKMAN • OTTLÉY • CRABTREE

image COMICS PRESENTS

INVINCIBLE

ROBERT KIRKMAN

WRITER

RYAN OTTLEY

PENCILER, INKER

BILL CRABTREE

COLORIST

RUS WOOTON

LETTERER

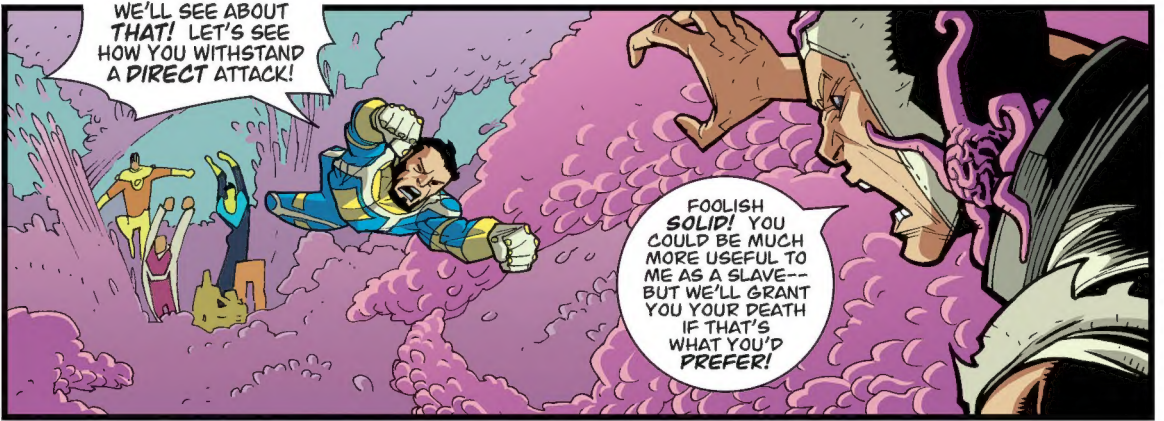
CREATED BY ROBERT KIRKMAN & CORY WALKER

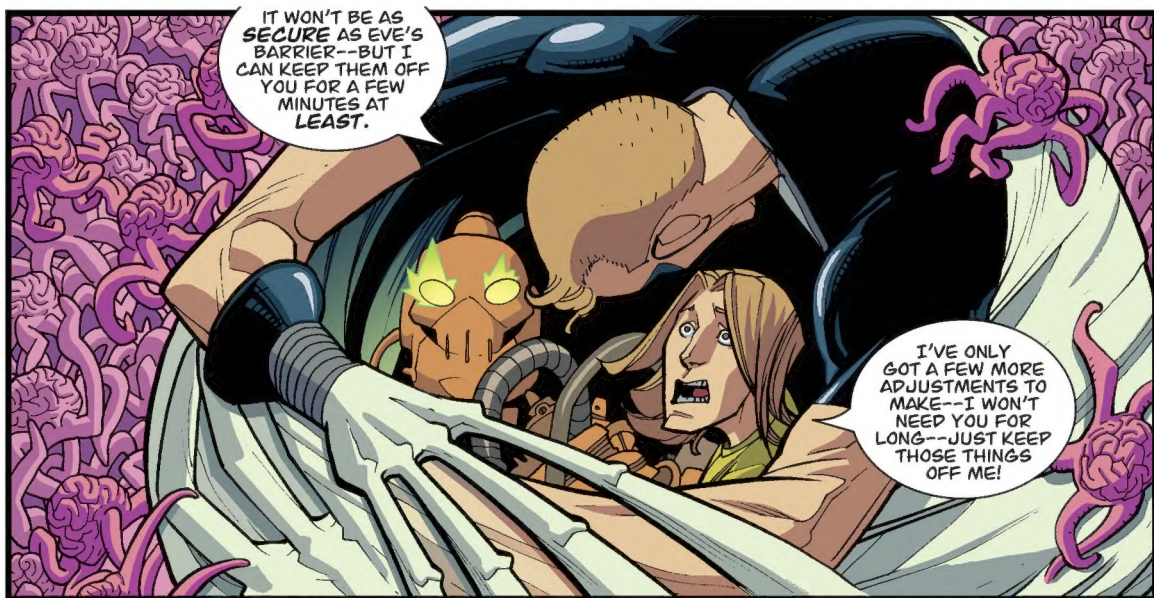
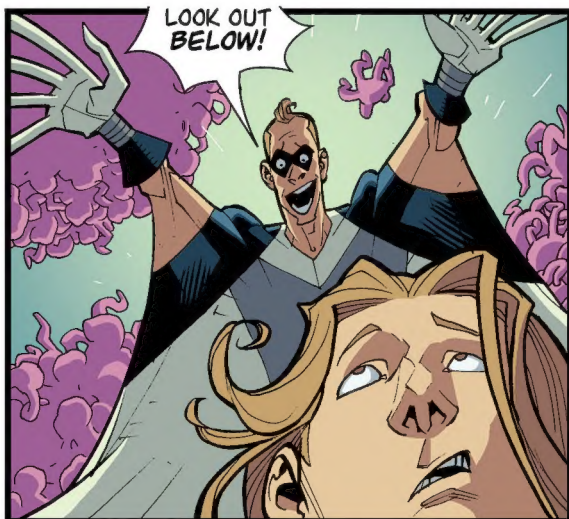
IMAGE COMICS, INC.

Eric Larsen - Publisher
Todd McFarlane - President
Marc Silvestri - CEO
Jim Valentino - Vice-President
Eric Stephenson - Executive Director
Mark Haven Britt - Director of Marketing
Thao Le - Accounts Manager
Rosemary Cao - Accounting Assistant
Traci Hui - Administrative Assistant
Jon Kestinger - Traffic Manager
Allen Hui - Production Manager
Jonathan Chan - Production Artist
Drew Gill - Production Artist
Chris Giarrusso - Production Artist
www.imagecomics.com

INVINCIBLE #41. May 2007. Published by Image Comics, Inc., Office of publication: 1942 University Avenue, Suite 305, Berkeley, California 94704. Copyright © 2007 Robert Kirkman & Cory Walker. All rights reserved. INVINCIBLE™ (including all prominent characters featured herein), its logo and all character likenesses are trademarks of Robert Kirkman & Cory Walker, unless otherwise noted. No part of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted, in any form or by any means (except for short excerpts for review purposes) without the express written permission of Image Comics, Inc. All names, characters, events and locales in this publication are entirely fictional. Any resemblance to actual persons (living or dead), events or places, without satiric intent, is coincidental.
PRINTED IN CANADA.







SOMEONE WANT TO TAKE THIS THING?! HE SAYS YOU JUST NEED TO GET CLOSE TO HIM AND PRESS THE BUTTON.

ANYONE?

ME!

GIVE IT TO ME!



HOW DARE Y--

STOP! I'M DOING THIS! I'M STRONGER THAN YOU! I'M FASTER THAN YOU!

THIS IS TOO IMPORTANT TO LET YOUR EGO GET IN THE WAY!



WHAT IS THIS?

ANOTHER FOOL READY TO DIE?

FWOOSH!

NOT EVEN A LITTLE BIT.

TEK.





I GOT HIM! AND THE SEQUIDS-- THEY'RE ALL KNOCKED OUT!

WE GOTTA GET HIM OFF THIS SHIP BEFORE THEY WAKE UP! WE GOTTA MAKE SURE THERE'S NOBODY LEFT TO CONNECT THEIR ONE-MIND.
COME ON!



ARE YOU OKAY?

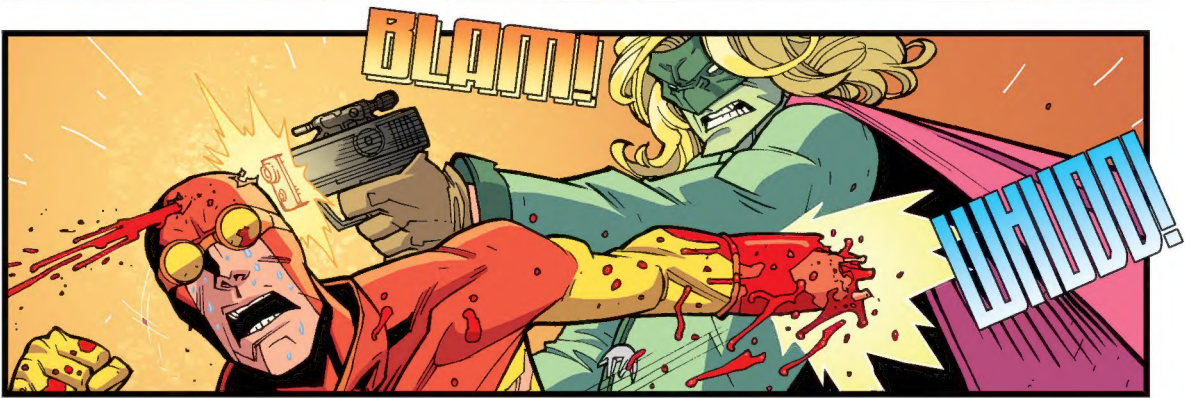
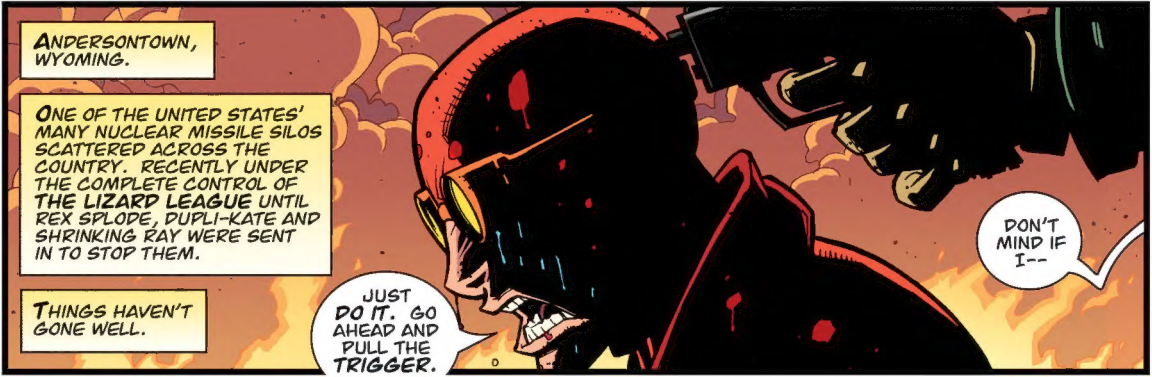
I'M FINE-- I'M JUST GLAD THIS IS OVER.

YOU MEAN-- ALMOST OVER-- WE STILL GOTTA FIND A WAY OFF THIS SHIP.



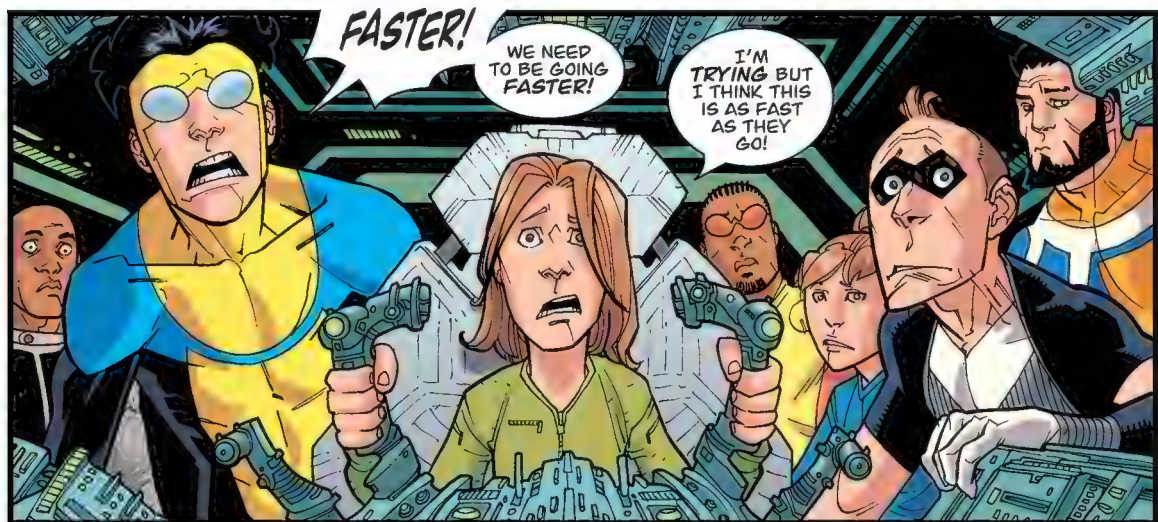
THIS WAY! THE HANGAR IS THIS WAY!

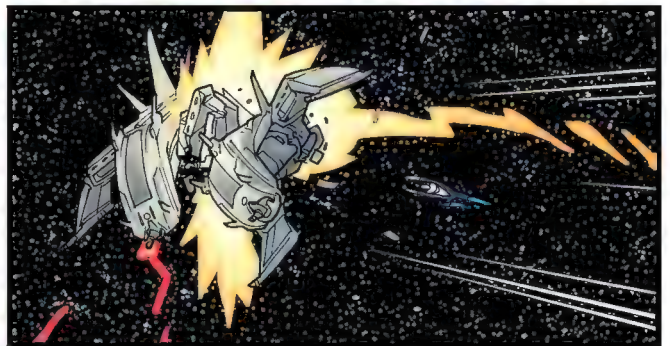
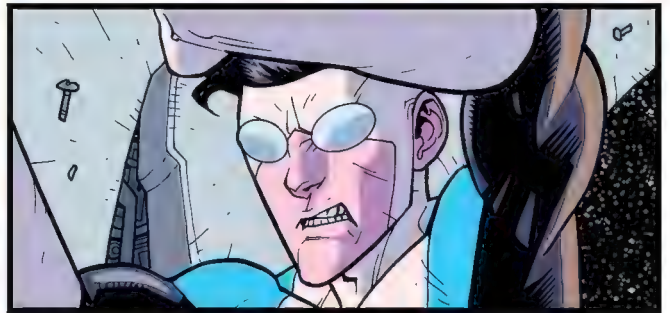
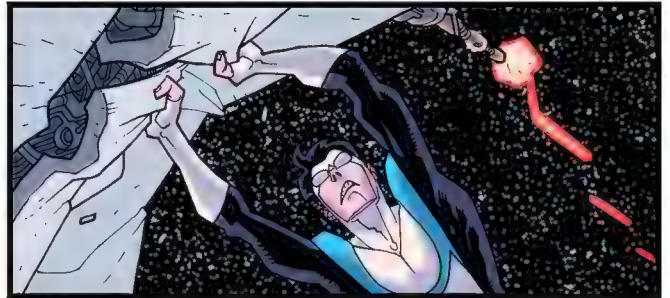
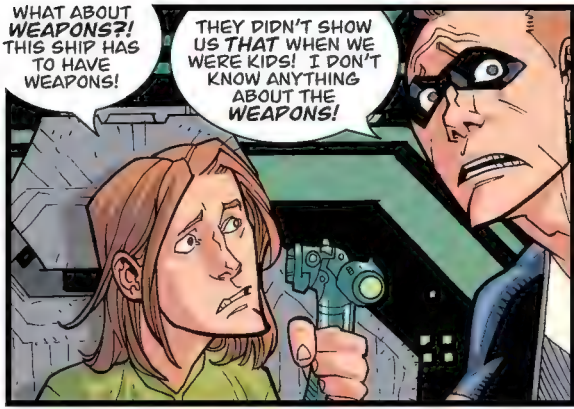
FOLLOW ME!



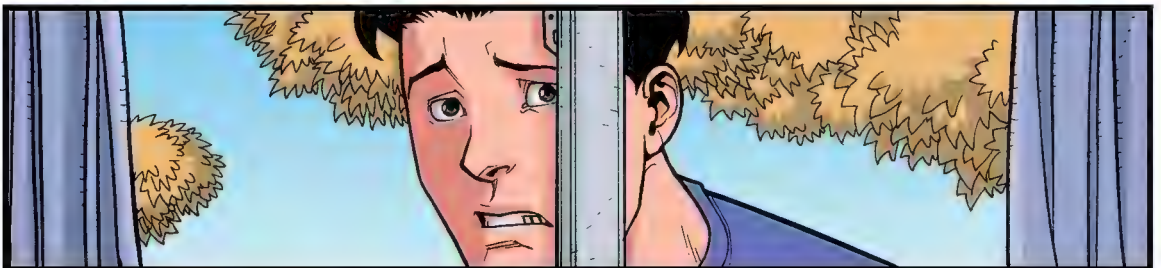
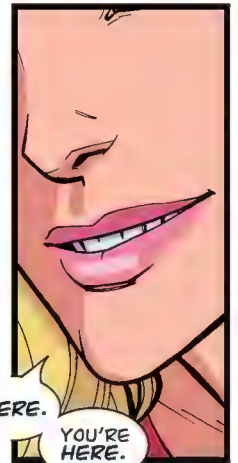
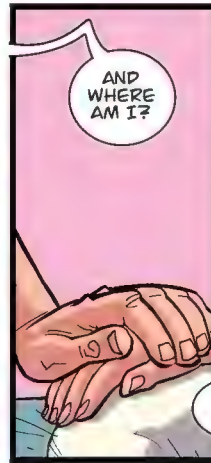
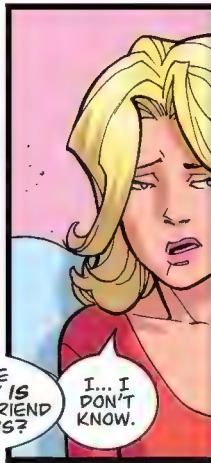
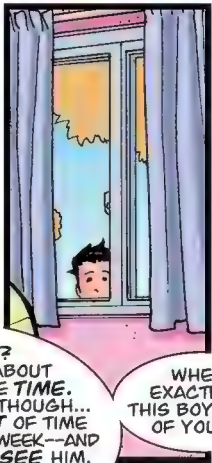
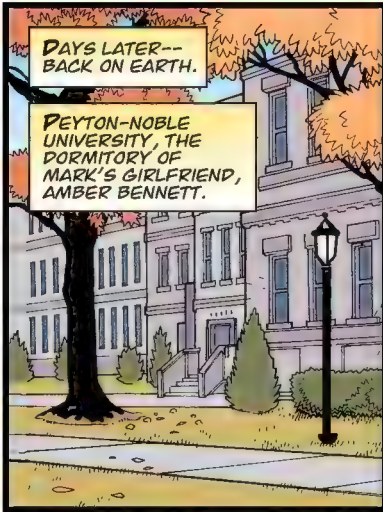












UTAH, THE HIDDEN ROCKY MOUNTAINS BASE OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE GLOBE.

A FEW HOURS AFTER THE FUNERAL OF DUPLI-KATE.

IT WAS--IT WAS A LOVELY SERVICE. I CAN'T BELIEVE WE ALMOST MISSED IT. IT'S--A HORRIBLE THING TO COME BACK TO, MAN-- I'M--I'M SO SORRY.

THANK YOU. IT WAS A NICE SERVICE. I WISH SHE HAD SOME FAMILY.

I WISH WE COULD HAVE FOUND HER BROTHER.

YOU WERE SO HAPPY, MAN--I JUST-- I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY, IMMORTAL.

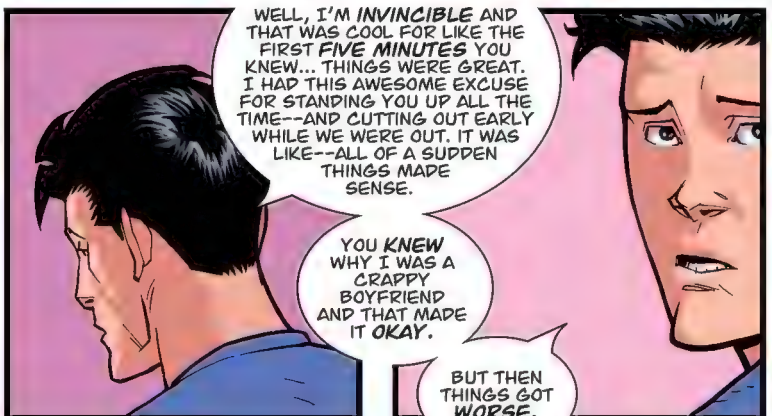
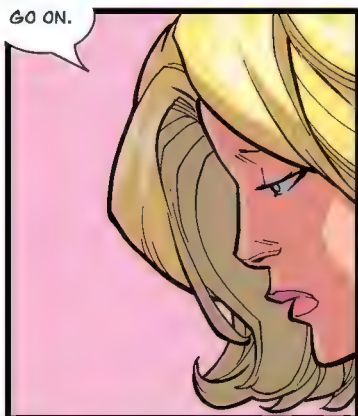
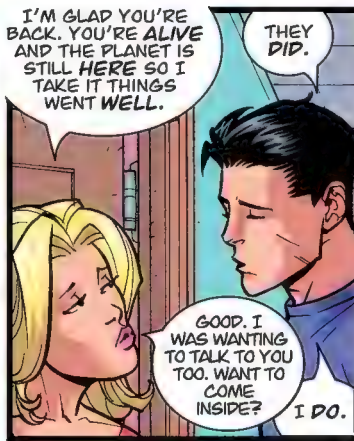
I'M SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.

IT'S NOTHING I HAVEN'T EXPERIENCED BEFORE. NOTHING I'M NOT USED TO.

IT'S JUST-- THE THING THAT BOTHERS ME THE MOST--HER AGE--SHE WAS SO YOUNG--

I DIDN'T KNOW I'D LOSE HER SO SOON.

I THOUGHT WE WOULD HAVE MORE TIME TOGETHER.



I'M ALWAYS ZIPPING OFF SOMEWHERE TO DO SOMETHING **IMPORTANT**. HECK--I'VE EVEN BEEN LEAVING THE PLANET A BUNCH LATELY. AND I'VE REALIZED I JUST **EXPECT** YOU TO ACCEPT THAT. I'M SAVING THE WORLD--I'M DOING ALL THIS GREAT STUFF--YOU SHOULD BE **HAPPY** TO SIT AROUND WAITING FOR ME.

YOU CAN'T BE MAD AT ME FOR DOING THIS STUFF BECAUSE THAT WOULD MAKE YOU A **SELFISH** PERSON.

BUT THAT'S **NOT FAIR** TO YOU. YOU'RE A PERSON--YOU'VE GOT FEELINGS. IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT I'M THIS SUPERHERO--AND YOU DIDN'T EVEN **KNOW** THAT GOING IN.

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TO JUST **ACCEPT** THAT I'M NOT GOING TO BE HERE MOST OF THE TIME. WHY **SHOULD** YOU?

I JUST-- I THINK YOU WOULD BE **HAPPIER** WITHOUT ME-- WITH SOMEONE **ELSE**.

I CAME TO THE WINDOW **EARLIER**--I SAW YOU IN HERE WITH **GARY**. I KNOW YOU DIDN'T CHEAT ON ME OR ANYTHING--AND THAT'S **COOL**--BUT IT'S CLEAR TO ME THAT YOU'D BE **HAPPIER** WITH **HIM**. AND THAT'S TOTALLY **COOL**, TOO.

I'VE ACTUALLY-- I THINK YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT **EVE**. SHE **DOES** LIKE ME--AND I DON'T KNOW--I MIGHT, Y'KNOW, PURSUE **THAT**.

OKAY.

OKAY? THAT'S IT?

WHAT DID YOU WANT TO SAY TO ME?

EVERY SINGLE THING YOU JUST SAID TO ME... SERIOUSLY--**ALL** OF IT. I **PROMISE**.

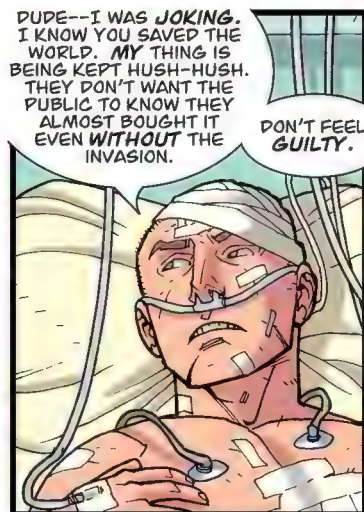
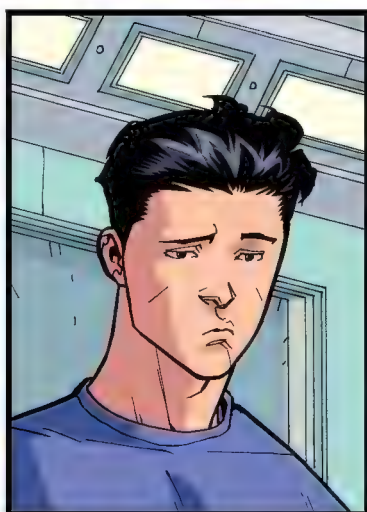
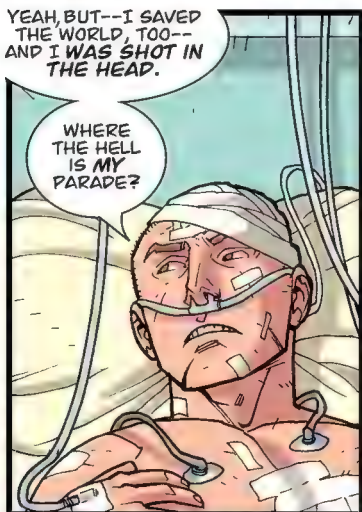
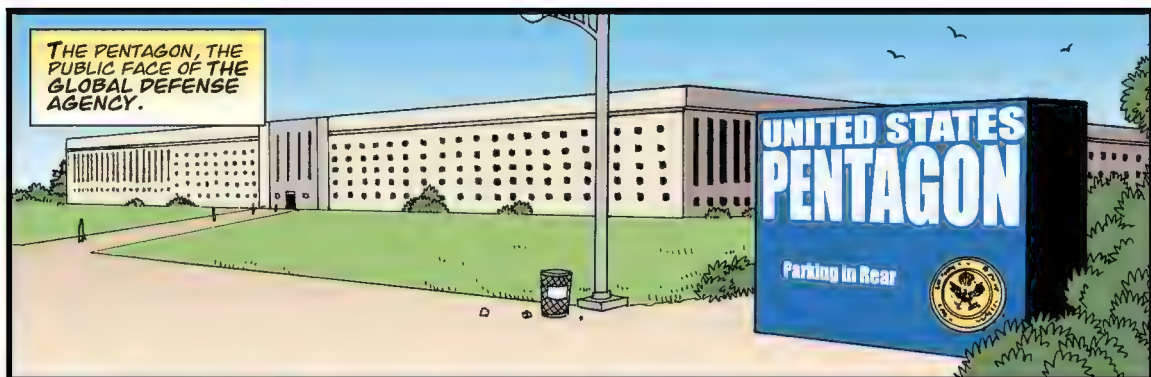
EXCEPT FOR THAT PART ABOUT **EVE** AT THE END.

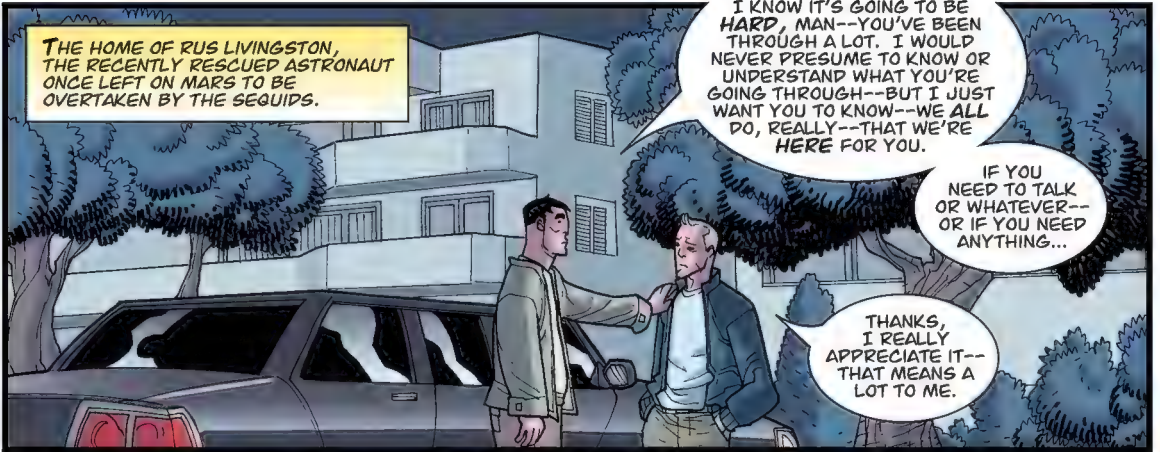
WELL-- THAT'S A RELIEF.

I DID MISS YOU A BUNCH, **THOUGH**.

ONE LAST CUDDLE?

SURE.





THE HOME OF RUS LIVINGSTON, THE RECENTLY RESCUED ASTRONAUT ONCE LEFT ON MARS TO BE OVERTAKEN BY THE SEQUIDS.

I KNOW IT'S GOING TO BE HARD, MAN--YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT. I WOULD NEVER PRESUME TO KNOW OR UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH--BUT I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW--WE ALL DO, REALLY--THAT WE'RE HERE FOR YOU.

IF YOU NEED TO TALK OR WHATEVER--OR IF YOU NEED ANYTHING...

THANKS, I REALLY APPRECIATE IT--THAT MEANS A LOT TO ME.



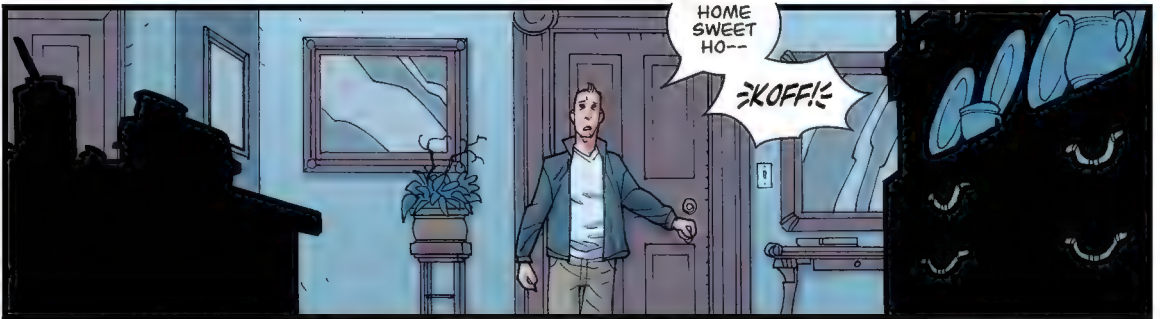
AND HEY--THINGS AREN'T ALL BAD. NASA IS GIVING YOU YOUR JOB BACK--SINCE IT WAS THAT MARTIAN IMPOSTER WHO GOT YOU FIRED IN THE FIRST PLACE. YOUR LANDLORD ISN'T GOING TO MAKE YOU PAY BACK RENT--YOU GET TO KEEP YOUR PLACE.

AND YOU'RE HOME! THAT'S GOTTA COUNT FOR SOMETHING--THINGS WILL BE BACK TO NORMAL BEFORE YOU KNOW IT.



YEAH--THAT'S SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO.

I'LL SEE YOU AT WORK NEXT WEEK--I'M GOING TO--I NEED TO REST.



HOME SWEET HO--

≡KOFF!≡



≡KOFF!≡

≡KOFF!≡

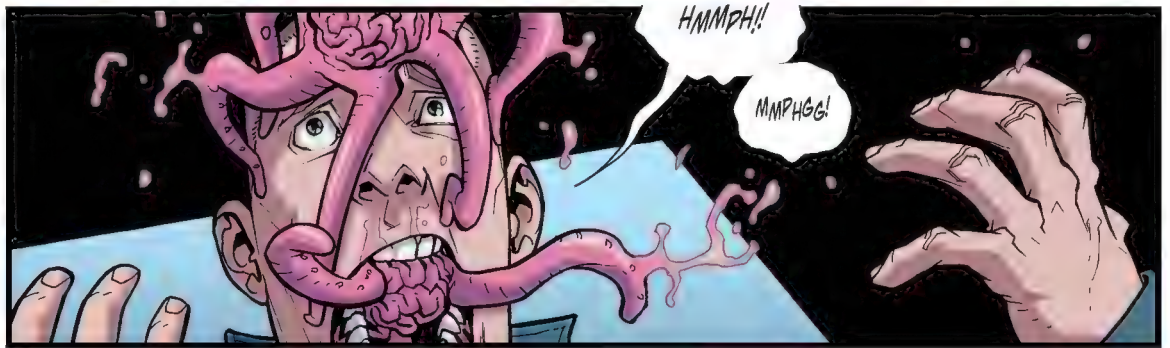
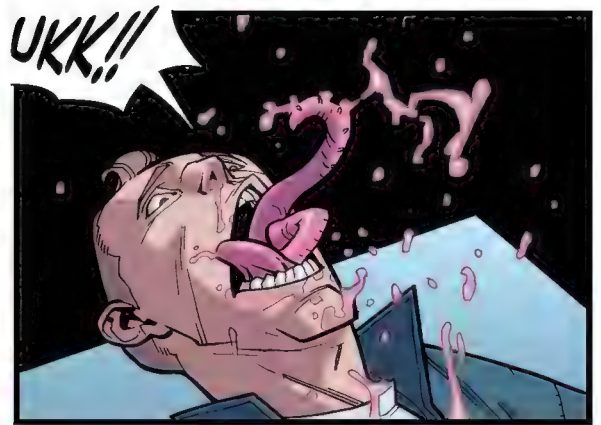
≡KOFF!≡



≡KOFF!≡

≡KOFF!≡

≡KOFF!≡



WRITE US @

INVINCIBLE

C/O FUNK-O-TRON

P.O. BOX 54386

LEXINGTON, KY 40555-4386.

INVINCIBLE@FUNKOTRON.COM

PEN INVINCIBLE PALS

Yippee--issue 41! Let's answer some mail!

Dear Santa,

I just wanted to drop a line and tell ya how much I enjoy your comical magazine. As a matter o' fact this is my first letter, or "e-mail" as they are called nowadays, to a comic book. Be gentle. I won't bore you with details as to why Invincible is so great, we'll just assume it's common knowledge and get on to the questions in the accepted numbered format.

1) I loved the guide to the Invincible universe. For someone who came into the series late it really helped understand what's going on. Any plans for a Capes guide? I love those goofballs but can't put names to faces.

No plans as of yet, but keep on the lookout for the CAPES Volume One TPB on sale this JULY!

2) Maybe Meteor-Master shoulda changed his name to ASSteroid-Master, y'know cause he sorta became an ass. Amright?

Uh... you are right.

3) Battle Beast. Screw him. Screw him right in the ear. He appeared before I started reading and I hate cats anyway. Let me be the one guy who says "no rush".

I'm in no rush, obviously.

4) Abe Lincoln is a personal hero of mine so Immortal is one of my favorites. Did he kick John Wilkes Booth's ass and finish watching the play?

How that played out in the Invincible universe remains to be seen. Maybe issue 50?

5) I have a theory that Viltrumites were cloned from the DNA of Kryptonian cops and gay men, hence the mustaches. Do I win a "no-prize"?

You win a "don't ask any more questions" award. Check your mail.

So keep up the good work and I shall continue to buy. I'm even gonna buy all the collected volumes as opposed to just loitering in the comic shop and reading them there. If that's not love I don't know what is.

-Dan Miracle

Love is buying two copies--one to read and one to leave in the bag. Thanks for reading, Dan--I'm glad you gave the book a shot. We'll do our best to keep things interesting for you. And I may even hold off on bringing back Battle Beast for an extra couple issues just for you.

Dear writer of the Redeemable Invincible,

Who crafted that spiffy rendition of Rex-plode at the end of the issue? Its too awesomtastic to go uncredited.

Alex A Sanchez

It was by a fella named Frank Lin. I already apologized--I know I'm a jerk. SORRY, FRANK!

YE GODS!

If I were to be honest, some of the more recent issues of Invincible have been a bit flat. Not bad, certainly, but they did feel a bit like they were treading water. #39 was great though. There was so much going on, with the Martian warship, the Lizard League and the missile silo, Mark's growing relationship woes, and Robot/Monster Girl's growing relationship. This kind of juggling of multiple ideas and plots is one of the things I love about the book, so it's great to see it ramping up a

bit again. And your art team did a particularly good job this issue too. Great stuff.

A bit flat? What issues? The reanimen stuff?! I'm shocked--hurt--appalled. Although I guess when you lay them down on a table they are pretty flat.

Now, Battle Beast is a cat. Science Dog is a dog. Dogs and cats hate each other, as anyone who's ever seen a cartoon knows. So clearly the stage is set for a cat/dog battle on an epic Authority-like scale. Now I know The Dog is fictional in the Great Furry Destroyer's universe, but you can make it work somehow.

If I could only get a mouse in there, too--that'd REALLY work. Someone get Mike Oeming on the phone!

Remember back in the day when all the Image guys swapped books, Image X-Month, and the founder guys swapped their books for one issue? You should do that; get Adlard to do one issue of Invincible (maybe even in his black-grey-and-white), and Ottley on Walking Dead.

I'm not really into that idea, to be honest. I really like keeping the books consistent.

Lastly, I seem to recall you mentioning something about Invincible action figures. Are we any closer to that, and if so, will there be a Battle Beast figure? Seriously, he'd make a great toy, I mean "collector's figurine".

That's all!
- Kelvin Green

Unfortunately, there are currently no plans for Invincible toys right now. I wish there were--but it's just not in the cards right now.

Eegads!

I'm a late-comer to Invincible - it was the #0 issue that got me in. I've been wanting to write in for a while - at least since my legs went numb reading Issue 22 on the can. You got me dude... I was laughing for at least as long as it took the feeling to come back. Of course, everything I've wanted to say has been said in your letters column since then... like props on Mark's new costume... the graduation cap finally coming down... the consistent perfection of Rus Wooton's lettering and Ryan Ottley's amazing ability to complement your writing with facial expressitude. So I just have two questions for you:

1. Mark Grayson seems to be able to go long periods without eating; when he does eat, is it a huge meal or do energy bars and snacks suffice?

He eats pretty regularly, actually--we just don't often SHOW it.

2. Who did the Rex Splode pinup in #39? It rocks.

Yeah--that's Frank Lin--he's awesome.

Keep on truckin'
Brian Hans

p.s. you don't have to print this (assuming you print any of this), but you deserve major props for the New Avengers issue you did for the armed services. I don't know what kind of incentives Marvel puts out for that kind of thing but it doesn't matter... you did it and it rocked. Have you gotten any feedback from troops overseas? I don't know the distribution on those things but it showed up at my base in Los Angeles. Obviously you would make an exceptional writer on Spiderman and I hope that happens someday. Thank you, Mr. Kirkman.

I too, hope that I some day get to write Spider-Man. We'll see how that little dream plays out. I had a blast working on that military issue of Avengers (which was only available through AAFES) they're a fun group to write and I'm glad to hear that you liked it.

Oh Ye Gods!

Thanks for printing my last letter. I had just finished telling my wife that I thought that since you write comics you probably write the letters in the penncipal section too, and then there it was...woo hoo!

I have never written any of the letters that have appeared in my letters columns. What's the fun in that?

I'm not gonna gush about how awesome Invincible is.....much (and I really enjoy Ant-Man too). I just managed to get my hands on the Invincible hard cover Vol 1 and 2 (and the handbooks) when I see info about the invincible complete library. I need to come up with a good reason to pick one up (help please) cause my wife will kill me if I spend the money on it without a good reason, cause , "I love Invincible!" Just doesn't do it.

1) Is the complete Library a collection of Volumes 1& 2, and does it contain new secrets not yet seen?

Honestly, no. The covers on the slipcase and the covers on the book inside are all that's "new" If you have the Ultimate HC's volumes 1 and 2 you already have everything in the big book. I felt that putting extra stuff in that TPB would be kinda shady. I don't want people to feel like they need to buy it. It's just there for people who haven't tried Invincible or haven't bought any of the collections. Frankly, I wanted a book that had it all in there--just to have one, so we put it out. But I don't want fans to feel like they NEED to own every version.

2) Have there been any plans to actually make the INVINCIPALS into real life plastic figures? (I'm seeing like the Marvel Superhero Squad)

No plans.

3) Have you seen the Marvel Zombie Minimates yet?

Yeah. They're kinda neat.

4) How cool would it be to get INVINCIBLE minimates? Pretty cool, yeah I agree, So when can we expect those?

No plans.

Keep up the Great Work!!!!

Thanks,
Lance Vink

Will do!

YE GODS!

Invincible is by far my favorite comic! When I first picked issue 16 I was hooked. The characters are awesome, the story is fantastic, and Ryan Ottley's amazing art is unbeatable. Damn that guy can draw space like its nobodies business! No for some much needed questions.

1) If there's an Atom Eve is there any chance of an Atom Adam? Maybe an alternate universe/future character.

No plans.

2) When the future Guardians of the Globe (plus CAPES members) come to the

desert world to save Mark why is future Robot called Rex by Atom Eve? It looks like Rex but then Robot looks like Rex now. What is going on?

That is yet to be revealed. You'll all find out soon enough.

3) Every one asks about Battle Beast but I want more Titan. When will we see him again?

We'll see Titan again before we see Battle Beast again.

4) How do you manage to publish a monthly comic that contains more pages than most of the Big Two's monthly comics, and contains only one advertisement?


Awesomeness.

5) No question I just want to say that Irredeemable Ant man is the best.

Uh... you mean SECOND best, right?

And that's it!
- Todd Stark

Thanks for writing, Todd.



**NEXT
ISSUE**

A brand new story-arc! A recap of the entire series! A special introductory price! See what all the fuss is about!

INVINCIBLE

ULTIMATE COLLECTION

VOLUME

3

Collects issues
#25-35
with extras!

MAY 2007
\$34.99



THE ASTOUNDING

WOLF-MAN™

ROBERT KIRKMAN
JASON HOWARD

FROM THE
WRITER OF
THE WALKING
DEAD
AND
INVINCIBLE

ISSUE 2

ON SALE IN JULY

IMAGECOMICS.COM



7 09853 10506 0



THE ASTOUNDING WOLF-MAN IS™ AND © ROBERT KIRKMAN AND JASON HOWARD 2007.
IMAGE COMICS® IS A TRADEMARK OF IMAGE COMICS, INC. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.